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**Covid-19 Regulatory Update**

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Covid-19 related guidelines and regulations: <https://www.gov.za/coronavirus/guidelines>.

Covid-19 Directives and notices relating to legal practitioners:

<http://www.derebus.org.za/directives-covid-19/> / <https://lpc.org.za/>

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## AVIATION

### Media Statement

#### SA Government News Agency. SAA to continue to repatriate stranded nationals.

2020 Apr 11 SA News

“South African Airways (SAA) will continue to aid the repatriation of foreign nationals who want to be reunited with their families in their respective home countries. “We are pleased to assist and will continue to work with foreign governments through their respective embassies and high commissions in the repatriation of their nationals to re-join their families to share comfort, support and strength during these trying times,” said SAA acting General Manager for Operations Tebogo Tsimane. Tsimane’s comments come as an SAA operated flight repatriated 313 Canadians from Johannesburg and Cape Town to London, for onward connections to Canada.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/saa-continue-repatriate-stranded-nationals>

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## COMMUNICATIONS

### Government Gazette

#### Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

Directions issued by Minister of Health and Mr Ebrahim Patel, Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition regarding Call Centres Providing Essential Services. The purpose of these Directions is to clarify the extent, and the conditions upon which, call centres may operate during the lockdown.

RGN459 GG 13224 p3 9Apr2020

[http://www.gpwnline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43224\\_09-04\\_DTI.pdf](http://www.gpwnline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43224_09-04_DTI.pdf)

### Media Release

#### Government Communications. Government on operational government services over Easter weekend. 10 April 2020.

“Government thanks South Africans for their continued cooperation with the COVID-19 lockdown regulations. As the country approaches the Easter weekend, government would like to assure citizens that amongst the “essential services” identified in terms of the National Lockdown Regulations, the most critical ones within the public service will continue to operate, including health-care and law-enforcement...The Department of Tourism will continue with assistance of completion and submission of applications for the Tourism COVID-19 Relief Fund through the toll-free number 0860 868 747. In order to ensure continued international relations support to South Africans in the country and abroad, the 24 Hour Operations Room under the Department of International Relations and Cooperation will be operational and the number to contact is 012-351 1000.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/government-operational-government-services-over-easter-weekend-10-apr-2020-0000>

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## CONFIRMED CASES

### Media Releases

#### Department of Health. Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms 24 deaths and total of 2003 cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. 10 April 2020.

“As at today, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is 2003.

- Total number of tests conducted: 73 028
- Total confirmed Cases: 2003
- Total deaths: 24
- Total recoveries: 410.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-24-deaths-and-total-2003-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-10-apr>

#### Department of Health. Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms 25 deaths and total of 2028 cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. 11 April 2020.

“As at today, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is 2028. The total number of COVID-19 tests conducted to date is 75 053. It is with sadness that we report a new COVID-19 related death. This takes the total number of deaths to 25. The deceased patient is a 61-year old male from the Western Cape. His underlying medical conditions included diabetes, hypertension and obesity. We convey our condolences to the family of the deceased and also appreciate the health workers that treated the deceased patient.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-25-deaths-and-total-2028-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-11-apr>

**Department of Health. Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms total of 2 173 cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. 12 April 2020.**

“As at today, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in South Africa is 2173. This is an increase of 145 from the previously reported cases. The total number of tests conducted to date is 80 085. We are also seeing an increase in tests conducted at public laboratories. Of the 5 032 tests conducted in the past day, 3 192 were done in public laboratories. The provincial breakdown is as follows: Gauteng: 865; Western Cape: 587; KwaZulu – Natal: 443; Free State: 96; Eastern Cape: 88; Limpopo: 23; Mpumalanga: 21; North West: 19; Northern Cape: 16; Unallocated: 15.

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-total-2-173-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-12-apr-2020-0000>

*Media Statements*

**SA Government News Agency. Gauteng reports 157 COVID-19 recoveries.**

2020 Apr 11 SA News

“While the Gauteng province has the highest amount of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the country, the province has recorded 157 recoveries. “The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases for Gauteng is 801 as of 10 April 2020 with the number of recoveries at 157,” said the Gauteng Department of Health in a statement on Saturday. Of the number of confirmed cases in the province, 86 people have been hospitalised in both public and private hospitals, with 10 in intensive care units in various facilities. The Johannesburg district had most cases with 446 testing positive for the virus.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/gauteng-reports-157-covid-19-recoveries>

**SA Government News Agency. SANDF members test positive for COVID-19.**

2020 Apr 11 SA News

“Three members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) have tested positive for COVID-19.

“Thus far, from a total number of 184 suspected cases, 125 tests have been conducted, 105 came back negative and only 3 positive,” said SANDF Surgeon General Lieutenant General Zola Dabula. In a statement on Saturday, Dabula said 15 more SANDF members were awaiting their results while three results appeared inconclusive.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/sandf-members-test-positive-covid-19>

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**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

*Government Gazette*

**Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002**

Directions issued by Minister of Justice and Correctional Service to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in all Correctional Centres and Remand Detention Facilities in the Republic of South Africa.

GN460 GG 43225 p3 9Apr2020

[http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43225\\_09-04\\_CorrecService.pdf](http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43225_09-04_CorrecService.pdf)

*Media Release*

**Department of Justice and Constitutional Development. Justice responds to Sunday Times Sun City accused of staging Coronavirus COVID-19 preparedness act for Minister Ronald Lamola. 12 April 2020.**

“The Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services has noted an article published in the Sunday Times on both its print and online platforms. At the time of going to press, the publication had not considered our response. Having noted that, the Ministry is of the view that the responses are in the public interest and should be read alongside the article. It is unfortunate that the unnamed sources have not expressed their concerns and the limitations of the department directly with the Ministry.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/justice-responds-sunday-times-sun-city-accused-staging-coronavirus-covid-19%C2%A0preparedness-act>

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**CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE**

*Media Releases*

**South African Police Service. Minister Bheki Cele condemns burglaries and looting of Western Cape liquor outlets. South African Police Service. 12 April 2020.**

“Police Minister, General Bheki Cele has condemned the opportunistic criminal behaviour by those behind at least sixteen (16) reported incidents of burglary and looting of liquor outlets in the Western Cape since the COVID-19 nationwide lockdown. During his visit to the Province on Saturday, 11 April 2020, Minister Cele, accompanied by Deputy Minister Cassel Mathale, the National Commissioner of the SAPS, General Kehla Sitole and Deputy National Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sandile Mfazi, commended the Western Cape Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Yolisa Matakata and her team, for the swift arrest of twenty one (21) suspects, four (4) of whom were allegedly behind the first looting incident at a Shoprite Liquor Store in Langa, Cape Town over the first weekend

of the lockdown. The Minister has in the meantime noted with concern the alleged involvement of police members in some of the liquor related crimes during the lockdown.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-bheki-cele-condemns-burglaries-and-looting-western-cape-liquor-outlets-12-apr-2020>

**South African Police Service. Police investigates authenticity and origin of circulating photograph of two females in SAPS uniform. 09 April 2020.**

“The South African Police Service has noted with concern photograph of two females in SAPS uniform each holding what appears to be a bottle of beer and posing next to packs of liquor. We are currently investigating the authenticity and origin of the picture to determine the identity of the persons in photograph as well as when and where the picture was taken. Such behaviour by any South African Police Service members is unacceptable and it is condemned in strongest terms by police management.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/police-investigates-authenticity-and-origin-circulating-photograph-two-females-saps-uniform>

**Western Cape Community Safety. MEC Albert Fritz warning to illegal liquor traders during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 09 April 2020.**

“Minister Fritz sends stern warning to illegal liquor traders. To date, the Western Cape Liquor Authority (WCLA) have conducted 20 investigations on matters of non-compliance with the national regulations whereby liquor traders sold alcohol during the lockdown period. Of the 20 investigations conducted, 13 will proceed to hearings before the Liquor Licensing Tribunal. The Minister of Community Safety, Albert Fritz, warns that any liquor vendor operating during the lockdown will be eligible for a fine and may lose their license, subject to an investigation.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-albert-fritz-warning-illegal-liquor-traders-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-9-apr>

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## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

### *Government Gazette*

**Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002**

Directions issued by Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture in terms of Regulation 10(8) of the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Act: Extension of term of office of Councils and Boards of Public Entities and Suspension of Sport, Arts and Cultural Events as measures to prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19.

GN461 GG 43226 p3 9Apr2020

[http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43226\\_09-04\\_ArtsCulture.pdf](http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43226_09-04_ArtsCulture.pdf)

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## EDUCATION

### *Media Releases*

**Department of Basic Education. Minister Angie Motshekga condemns vandalising of schools during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 13 April 2020.**

“The Minister of Basic Education Mrs. Angie Motshekga is horrified at the alarming number of schools which have been vandalized and damaged since the COVID-19 lockdown began. Three schools were broken into in last 24 hours in KwaZulu-Natal and expensive learning equipment stolen from the. eThekweni Primary in Durban is the latest in a string of schools that have been damaged in recent weeks. The latest burglary happened last night. This brings to 183 the number of school vandalized around the country since the COVID-19 Lockdown was put in place. Gauteng has reported 55 schools vandalized, Mpumalanga 72, North West 7 schools and KZN 2.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-angie-motshekga-condemns-vandalising-schools-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown>

**Western Cape Economic Development and Tourism. Western Cape Economic Development and Tourism on gaining new digital skills during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown with I-CAN Learn. 09 April 2020.**

“Gain new digital skills during lockdown with I-CAN Learn. The Department of Economic Development and Tourism have a large number of free digital skills training courses available online through the I-CAN Learn platform, and we encourage anyone interested in learning new digital skills during the lockdown to visit the I-CAN Learn website to make the most of these great learning resources. The I-CAN Learn initiative has been developed in partnership with IBM and Google, and provides internationally recognised online courses in digital skills subject.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/western-cape-economic-development-and-tourism-gaining-new-digital-skills-during-coronavirus>

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## EMPLOYMENT LAW

### *Media Comment*

**Banton, Vanessa. Labour Court dismisses Nehawu's application over lack of protective gear for frontline workers.**

News24.com 11Apr

<https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/labour-court-dismisses-nehawus-application-over-lack-of-protective-gear-for-frontline-workers-20200411>

*Media Release*

**Department of Employment and Labour. Employment and Labour relaxes processes to minimise physical contact during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 09 April 2020.**

“The Unemployment Insurance Fund has relaxed adherence to its processes by allowing claims to be paid without mandatory source documents for those clients who are already receiving payment benefits from the Fund. Clients who are receiving unemployment insurance benefits are normally expected to go to Labour Centres on a monthly basis to sign a continuation form, which serves as proof that the client is still unemployed. To avoid movement and reduce contact, clients will be contacted via short message service (SMS) functionality for them to confirm unemployment status and banking details. The SMS functionality will only be implemented in the lockdown period.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/employment-and-labour-relaxes-processes-minimise-physical-contact-during-coronavirus-covid>

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## ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

*Media Release*

**Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries on Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown relief secured for destitute waste pickers countrywide. 13 April 2020.**

“The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries in partnership with the packaging industry have secured a plan to assist waste pickers who have lost their livelihoods during the national lockdown period. “Working with industry and the waste reclaimers associations we will be distributing electronic food vouchers to waste pickers’ cell phones over the coming days.” Said Minister Barbara Creecy. The initiative which has a strong focus in reaching waste reclaimers in towns and cities across the country, is aimed at alleviating distress many reclaimers face during the National Lockdown. It is estimated that during the course of this week 3 925 reclaimers will receive vouchers which they can reclaim at specified retailers. A total of 1000 vouchers had been paid to individual reclaimers cell phones across the country by close of business on Thursday, 9 April.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/environmental-affairs-forestry-and-fisheries-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-relief-secured>

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## FINANCIAL LAW

*Media Release*

**The Presidency. President Cyril Ramaphosa welcomes the decision of the Forum of South Africa's Directors-General (FOSAD) members to contribute to the Solidarity Fund to assist in the Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 13 April 2020.**

“President Cyril Ramaphosa has welcomed the decision of the Forum of South Africa's Directors-General (FOSAD) members to contribute to the Solidarity Fund. FOSAD members met on Sunday, 12 April 2020 where a decision was made to support the call by National Coronavirus Command Council for members of political leadership and executive layer of the Public Service, to make contributions to the Solidarity Fund. FOSAD has thus made a call for all public servants in national and provincial departments including those in public entities to donate to the Fund in an effort to support South Africans whose lives have been disrupted by the pandemic and care for those in hospital or medical care. Directors-General directed on amounts for donations by the Senior Management Service (Directors-General/HODs, Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors and Directors).”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-welcomes-decision-forum-south-africas-directors-general-fosad>

*Media Statement*

**SA Government News Agency. President, Cabinet take three-month salary cuts.**

2020 Apr 9 SA News

“President Cyril Ramaphosa and his Cabinet will over the next three months take a pay cut of 33% in their salaries - as government ups the ante on the fight against the impact of COVID-19 on the economy. The drastic move was announced by President Ramaphosa on Thursday evening, while addressing the nation on the extension of the 21-day lockdown by a further two weeks. This as the number of confirmed cases climbed to 1 934 cases. The portion of the salaries, he said, will be donated to the Solidarity Fund. The Premiers have also followed suit. “We’re calling other public office bearers and executives of large companies to make a similar gesture to further increase the reach of this

national effort,” he said. The Solidarity Fund is an independently administered vehicle which aims to “flatten the curve” and lower infection rates and offer relief to those who need it the most.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/president-cabinet-take-three-month-salary-cuts>

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## LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS

### *Media Release*

#### **The Presidency. President Cyril Ramaphosa: Extension of Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown to the end of April. 09 April 2020.**

“My Fellow South Africans,

At midnight tonight, it will be exactly two weeks since our country entered into an unprecedented nation-wide lockdown to contain the spread of the coronavirus. During the course of these last two weeks, your lives have been severely disrupted, you have suffered great hardship and endured much uncertainty. We have closed our borders to the world, our children are not in school, businesses have closed their operations, many have lost their income, and our economy has ground to a halt... After careful consideration of the available evidence, the National Coronavirus Command Council has decided to extend the nation-wide lockdown by a further two weeks beyond the initial 21 days. This means that most of the existing lockdown measures will remain in force until the end of April.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-extension-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-end-april-9-apr-2020-0000>

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## MEDIA LAW

### *Media Release*

#### **North West Health. North West Health on Mzwakhe Mbuli's Coronavirus COVID-19 awareness song. 09 April 2020.**

“The North West Department of Health has been overwhelmed by calls from local artists and music producers some alleging that the Department has favoured Mzwakhe Mbuli in affording him a business deal to produce a Coronavirus song and thus sidelining local artists. Such allegations are far from the truth and the Department wish to set the record straight. The truth is that the North West MEC for Health Madoda Sambatha recently came across Mr Mzwakhe Mbuli and challenged him to come up with a poem against Coronairus. The challenge was never based on any monetary attachment or business deal with the North West Department of Health. The MEC challenge was only on the basis of having seen other artists elsewhere in the Continent of Africa contributing to the fight against Coronavirus by using their creative ability without any monetary compensation.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/north-west-health-mzwakhe-mbulis-coronavirus-covid-19-awareness-song-9-apr-2020-0000>

### *Media Statement*

#### **SA Government News Agency. Transport Minister opens COVID-19 misinformation case.**

2020 Apr 10 SA News

“Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula has taken legal action against radio and TV personality, Somizi Mhlongo, for allegedly misleading the public through a video recording circulating on social media. In the video, Mhlongo can be heard saying that the Minister divulged information to him, which could be regarded as sensitive and embargoed for publication at the time. Mbalula said after proper reflection, he found himself obligated by statutes, policies and regulations of Parliament and government to take action against Mhlongo. Mbalula has reported the case to law enforcement authorities, as regulated and published under the Disaster Management Act on fake news and misinformation peddling.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/transport-minister-opens-covid-19-misinformation-case>

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## MEDICAL LAW

### *Media Releases*

#### **North West Health. North West Health on quarantined Coronavirus COVID-19 infected patients. 09 April 2020.**

“The North West Department of Health has noted with concern lack of understanding of the Province's position on self-quarantine at home and mandatory quarantine in a state facility. In the last address to the Nation, President Ramaphosa said, “people who are infected with Coronavirus, but who have no or moderate symptoms will remain in isolation at home or at a place provided by government, and those with severe symptoms will be transferred to a hospital”. The Department's position on quarantine is based on this directive by the President.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/north-west-health-quarantined-coronavirus-covid-19-infected-patients-9-apr-2020-0000>

**North West Office of the Premier. Premier Job Mokgoro visits Dr KK District for mass screening, testing and contact tracing, 9 Apr. 08 April 2020.**

“North West Premier, Prof Tebogo Job Mokgoro will tomorrow – Thursday, 09 April 2020 – visit the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District to continue with the rolling out of the mass screening, testing and tracing programme that started early this week at Motswedi village in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District. The Premier will be accompanied by Members of the Provincial Command Council, the Executive Mayor of Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, Cllr Barei Mosiane-Segotso, Mayors from Local Municipalities in the district as well as executives from mining company, AngloGold Ashanti.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/premier-job-mokgoro-visits-dr-kk-district-mass-screening-testing-and-contact-tracing-9-apr>

**The Presidency. President Cyril Ramaphosa reaffirms its unwavering support to WHO during Coronavirus COVID-17 outbreak. 08 April 2020.**

“The Covid-19 pandemic is already the most serious health emergency in generations, and it is far from over. The Coronavirus pandemic has undoubtedly changed our ways of life; impacted on the capacities of our health infrastructure and has disrupted the economic supply value chain with attendant negative impact on global economies. As the world grapples with the challenge of the Coronavirus, there is a need for solidarity, unity of purpose and better coordination to ensure that we are able to overcome this common enemy.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-reaffirms-its-unwaivering-support-who-during-coronavirus-covid-17>

**The Presidency. President Cyril Ramaphosa to visit the National Coronavirus COVID-19 Information Response Centre, 9 Apr. 09 April 2020.**

“President Cyril Ramaphosa will today, Thursday, 09 April 2020, visit the Department of Health (DoH)’s COVID-19 Information Centre, a data centre set up to monitor and track the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the country. The centre is housed in a secure facility at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in Pretoria and from where it provides close to real-time analytics, dashboards on the coronavirus outbreak per province, district, local municipality and ward. A particularly useful capability is the mobile visualisation platform, the Cmore App, used by Community Health Workers to record screening data and symptoms and transmit information to the centre. It enables near live display of the Household Screening and Testing Programme.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-visit-national-coronavirus-covid-19-information-response-centre-9>

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## MINING LAW

### *Government Gazette*

**Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002**

Directions issued by Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy in terms of Regulation 10(8) of the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Act: Measures to prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19.

The purpose of these Directions is to ensure fair processes, relating to licensing, consultation, appeals and compliance processes and reporting requirements during the lockdown period. The Directions relate to permissions, rights and permits as contemplated in the MPRDA; directives, notices, orders and instructions; and submission of reports. Commencement on date of publication.

RGN462 GG 43227 p3 11Apr2020

[http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43227\\_11-04\\_MineralResources.pdf](http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43227_11-04_MineralResources.pdf)

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## PERSONS AND FAMILY LAW

### *Media Release*

**Department of Social Development. Minister Lindiwe Zulu sends direction for amendment of shared custody regulations during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown .08 April 2020.**

“In support of President Cyril Ramaphosa’s declaration of COVID-19 as a national disaster, the Minister of Social Development - Ms Lindiwe Zulu, issued directions prohibiting movement of children between co-holders of parental responsibilities and rights on 30 March 2020. This was as an effort to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in terms of Section 10 (5) of the Regulations of Disaster Management and to ensure that the children’s wellbeing is protected and their best interests upheld during the lockdown.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-lindiwe-zulu-sends-direction-amendment-shared-custody-regulations-during>

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## PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

### *Guidance Note*

## Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013

Guidance note on the processing of personal information in the management and containment of Covid-19 pandemic in terms of POPIA.

<https://www.justice.gov.za/inforeg/docs/InfoRegSA-GuidanceNote-PPI-Covid19-20200403.pdf>

Press statement: <https://www.justice.gov.za/inforeg/docs/ms-20200403-GuidanceNote-PPI-Covid19.pdf>

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## REVENUE

*Government Gazette*

### Customs and Excise Act, 1964

Amendment of Rules: Substitution of Rule 24.03 with retrospective effect from 23 March 2020 as a result of the declaration of a national state of disaster.

RGN458 GG 43222 p3 9Apr2020

<https://www.gov.za/documents/customs-and-excise-act-amendment-rules-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-9-apr-2020-0000>

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## SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

*Media Releases*

### Department of Social Development. A National Development Agency sewing cooperative in Khayelitsha helps protect against Coronavirus COVID-19. 13 April 2020.

"A National Development Agency (NDA) funded sewing cooperative in Khayelitsha is responding positively to reduce the spread on COVID-19 virus in communities and to generate extra income during #lockdown. Operations at the Gwebza Multipurpose Primary Cooperative have ceased as a result of the #lockdown, however, its 36 employees are working remotely to produce stylish protective face masks in the fight to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus as they all rely on the income generated by sales. "We have had to be creative to ensure that we are able to make money so none of our employees go hungry during this period. The face masks are very quick to make and we can produce in big volumes. We have local support but would like to grow the market wider," says Linda Balide who is the Manager."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/national-development-agency-sewing-cooperative-khayelitsha-helps-protect-against>

### Mpumalanga Social Development. MEC Blessing Thandi Shongwe to interact with homeless people during the 21 days lockdown in Gert Sibande. 09 April 2020.

"The MEC for Social Development Blessing Thandi Shongwe will tomorrow, 09 April 2020 visit homeless people in Kinross Golf Club, Gert Sibande District Municipality. The homeless people were placed by the Department of Social Development as part of the department Operation Search for Homeless people in the province. The aim of the MEC visits is to observe the state of service and support they receive since their placement at the shelter as one of the measures to response to the COVID -19 pandemic during the 21 days' lockdown. MEC will also hand over sanitizers, gloves and mask to Kinross homeless Shelter and encourage them about the role that they can play towards curbing the spread of COVID -19 during the 21 days' lockdown period."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-thandi-shongwe-visits-kinross-golf-club-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-9-apr-9>

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## SPORTS LAW

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Directions issued by Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture in terms of Regulation 10(8) of the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Act: Extension of term of office of Councils and Boards of Public Entities and Suspension of Sport, Arts and Cultural Events as measures to prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19.

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[http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43226\\_09-04\\_ArtsCulture.pdf](http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43226_09-04_ArtsCulture.pdf)

*Media Release*

### Department of Sports, Arts and Culture. Sport, Arts and Culture on applications for the COVID-19 Sector Relief Fund. 08 April 2020.

"On 25 March 2020, Minister Nathi Mthethwa committed R150 million towards a Relief Fund to assist artists, athletes, technical personnel and its core ecosystem, to soften the economic impact of the COVID – 19 pandemic. In facilitating

the implementation of the Relief Fund, the Department developed a number of instruments to assist all applicants and further loaded all the tools onto various departmental platforms, including social media. Furthermore, the Department acceded to the public request to extend the deadline for applications / submissions to 6 April 2020 at 23H59. By close of deadline, we had received and are currently processing over 6, 000 applications in total. The Department will revert in due course on how the funds will be allocated amongst the sectors.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/sport-arts-and-culture-applications-covid-19-sector-relief-fund-8-apr-2020-0000>

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## TRADE AND INDUSTRY

### *Media Release*

#### **Department of Trade and Industry. Trade and Industry clarifies sale of products for the care of babies and toddlers during the Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown period. 09 April 2020.**

“The regulations published by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs under Government Notice 318 of 18 March 2020 were amended by regulations as published in Government Notice R398 of 25 March 2020 as well as by regulations in Government Notice R 419 of 26 March 2020. The regulations published on 25 March 2020 included, under paragraph 6(a), the following inclusion as an essential good: “(iv) Products for the care of babies and toddlers.” Following requests for clarification, we confirm that this provision includes baby clothes, blankets, towels and other essential accessories for new-borns, infants and toddlers up to 36 months old.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/trade-and-industry-clarifies-sale-products-care-babies-and-toddlers-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-9-apr-2020>

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## TRANSPORTATION

### *Media Releases*

#### **Department of Transport. Minister Fikile Mbalula condemns Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown rules violation by motorists. 09 April 2020.**

“The Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula, has expressed grave concern at the increasing non-compliance with transport regulations and directions aimed at reinforcing the nation-wide lockdown announced by President Ramaphosa... This conduct demonstrate a worrying trend which must be roundly condemned by both government and civil society. Those who undermine efforts to arrest the spread of this pandemic must face the full might of the law and equally face condemnation by society, as their behaviour places the lives of millions at risk.

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-fikile-mbalula-condemns-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-rules-violation-motorists-9>

#### **South African Local Government Association. SALGA condemns behaviour of some councilors during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 09 April 2020.**

“Whilst SALGA is encouraged by municipalities that are adhering to the range of directives issued by national and provincial government departments, and the exemplary conduct of many councillors and municipal officials who go beyond the call of duty in service of communities, we note with utmost concern and disappointment the reports of some councillors acting in direct contravention of the Regulations issued in terms of the Disaster Management Act; the Code of Conduct of Councillors and the values upon which our democratic state is founded. In the first of such reports, it is alleged that a councillor from Matatiele Local Municipality has been found to be unlawfully distributing travel permits to residents, enabling them to move around freely under the pretext of providing essential services in term of the Regulations issued under the Disaster Management Act.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/salga-condemns-behaviour-some-councilors-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-9-apr-2020>

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